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PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Andrew W. WAHBA

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING CONSTANT BIT RATE DATA CELLS,  
CONTROLLING TRANSMISSION OF DATA CELLS TO PREVENT HEAD DATA CELLS  
FROM BEING SENT OUT THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS SLOTS OF THE TRANSMISSION  
CYCLE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 3, 2003 to April 3, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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